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(Keeping Up with League Program)
(as of March 16)

FOREIGN POLICY: The Senate ratified the Convention permitting U.S. participation in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development March 16 by a vote of 72 yeas, 18 nays. Mrs. Phillips sent a statement of League support for OECD to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee February 14.

The Senate ratified the Columbia River Basin Treaty March 16 by a vote of 90 yeas, 1 nay.

League support for a supplemental appropriation of $150 million for the Development Loan Fund was expressed in a statement filed with the Senate Appropriations Committee March 15.

WATER RESOURCES: The President, in his Natural Resources Message to Congress February 23, promised to coordinate natural resources policies, to establish a Presidential Advisory Committee on Natural Resources within the Council of Economic Advisers, to instruct the Budget Director to re-evaluate current standards for appraising feasibility of water resources projects; asked federal agencies to provide flood hazard data and assist states in regulation and zoning of flood plains; made suggestions for more effective water pollution control; urged Congress to extend saline water conversion research.

Pollution Control: The House Public Works Committee held hearings March 14, 15, and 16 on H.R. 4036 introduced by Rep. Blatnik (D., Minn.) and similar bills to strengthen the Water Pollution Control Act. Mrs. Whittemore, a national Director of the League, spoke in support of increased funds for research, for incentive grants for sewage-plant construction and program development by states and interstate agencies; also in support of extension of federal enforcement to seriously polluted intrastate and coastal waters.

Water pollution control bills S. 120, introduced by Sen. Kerr (D., Okla.), and S. 861, by Sen. Humphrey (D., Minn.) and others are pending in the Senate Public Works Committee.

State Compacts: A subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee held a hearing March 8 on the proposal for a Delaware River Basin Compact, H.J. Res. 225, introduced by Rep. Walter (D., Pa.), chairman of the subcommittee. Mr. Walter told the subcommittee that he uses the League-produced "Man and the River" as resource material. Mrs. Hersey, representing the Inter-League Committee on the Delaware Basin, made a statement in support of the Compact. Mrs. Wood, a national Director of the League, filed a supporting statement.

Sen. Clark (D., Pa.), and seven cosponsors have introduced a Delaware Basin Compact bill, S. 856, which is pending in the Senate Public Works Committee.

Northeastern Water and Land Resources: S. 374, introduced by Sen. Bush (R., Conn.), and H.R. 30, by Rep. McCormack (D., Mass.), are pending in Senate and House Public Works Committees.

Natural Resources and Conservation Act: Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee has announced a hearing April 13 on S. 239, introduced by Sen. Engle (D., Calif.) and 31 cosponsors. This bill includes the provisions for coordinated executive and congressional consideration of water resources which last year were contained in S. 2549, sponsored by Sen. Murray (D., Mont.), now retired. The League has asked to testify. Companion bill, pending in House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, is H.R. 3436, introduced by Rep. Dingell (D., Mich.).

Suggested changes in water projects payments: S. 13, Engle (D., Calif.), to Senate Public Works Committee; H.R. 924, Byrnes (R., Wis.), H.R. 2398, Ashley (D., Ohio), to House Ways and Means Committee; H.R. 2403, Broomfield (R., Mich.), to House Banking and Currency Committee.

Project evaluation and basin commissions: H.R. 2202, Aspinall (D., Colo.), H.R. 2287, Saylor (R., Pa.), identical bills, to House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee.

Saline Water Conversion: S. 22, Case (R., S.D.), S. 100, Engle (D., Calif.), S. 109, Anderson (D., N.M.), all to Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee.

LOYALTY-SECURITY: The House Un-American Activities Committee Report released January 2 recommends re-extending coverage of Federal Employee Security Program to all government employees, and authorizing an industrial security program without such procedural safeguards as confrontation and cross-examination.

Rep. Walter (D., Pa.) has introduced an omnibus bill amending Internal Security Act, H.R. 6, which, among other things, would carry out House Un-American Activities Committee's recommendation. Referred to the Committee.

Bills may be obtained free by writing House or Senate Document Room, Washington 25, D.C. Texts of League testimony may be ordered from the national office of the League, 5 cents a copy.

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. . . which it will be if by the time you read it the necessary number of 38 states have ratified the constitutional amendment granting national suffrage to voteless residents of the District of Columbia. The 33 which have ratified as we go to press March 16 are Hawaii, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, California, Maryland, Oregon, Idaho, Maine, Minnesota, New Mexico, Nevada, Montana, South Dakota, Colorado, Washington, West Virginia, Alaska, Wyoming, Utah, Delaware, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Indiana, North Dakota, Tennessee, Michigan, Vermont, Connecticut, Arizona, Illinois, Nebraska, Iowa.